

Faust, Lewis Pass National Reserve

Faust (1710m) rises directly above the confluence of the Boyle and Lewis rivers just east of SH7, and provides an outstanding panorama of the south-east sector of Lewis Pass National Reserve. It also has a well formed and marked track to the bush edge, although it's poled beyond that. This is not shown on most maps and is not signposted from the highway.

Hop over the stile on the north side of the highway bridge then follow the track along the terrace beside the north bank of the Boyle River, passing through the high ropes course in the bush where there is a large bush terrace. The track zigzags up the broad face and gains an indistinct spur which climbs north-eastwards to the bush edge.

Faust is quick to deliver lots of interest. First up is the ever expanding view of the Lewis Pass region, its valleys, terraces, summits and the highway cutting through the landscape. Closer to hand is a necklace of beautiful tarns which fill many of the southern and eastern aspects of the ridge. They're particularly scenic and would make great high level campsites or lunch stops.

The ridge climbs steadily for 2.5km from the bushline to the summit, gaining just 400m in altitude and a fascinating panorama of the high peaks of the Lewis and Spenser mountains from the summit rocks.

You could return the way you came, or descend to the valley via an unnamed and untracked spur dropping southwards from the basin immediately below the summit, passing a couple of tarns near Pt1607.

The face above the bushline steepens and you emerge onto the crest of the spur, where an indistinct ground trail leads through the bush.

The remainder of the descent is pretty efficient travel through mostly open forest. By holding to the ridge, you can make sure of a good approach to the valley floor and will eventually reach the flats of the Boyle River. Soon after, cross the St James Walkway to reach the car park.

NOTE: The accompanying GPX file and map should be treated as approximate only.

Wild File

Access Off SH7 on the north side of the Boyle River road bridge opposite the outdoor lodge

Grade Moderate

Time 2-3 hours to summit. Round trip 5-6 hours.

Distance 13.4km

Total ascent 1347m

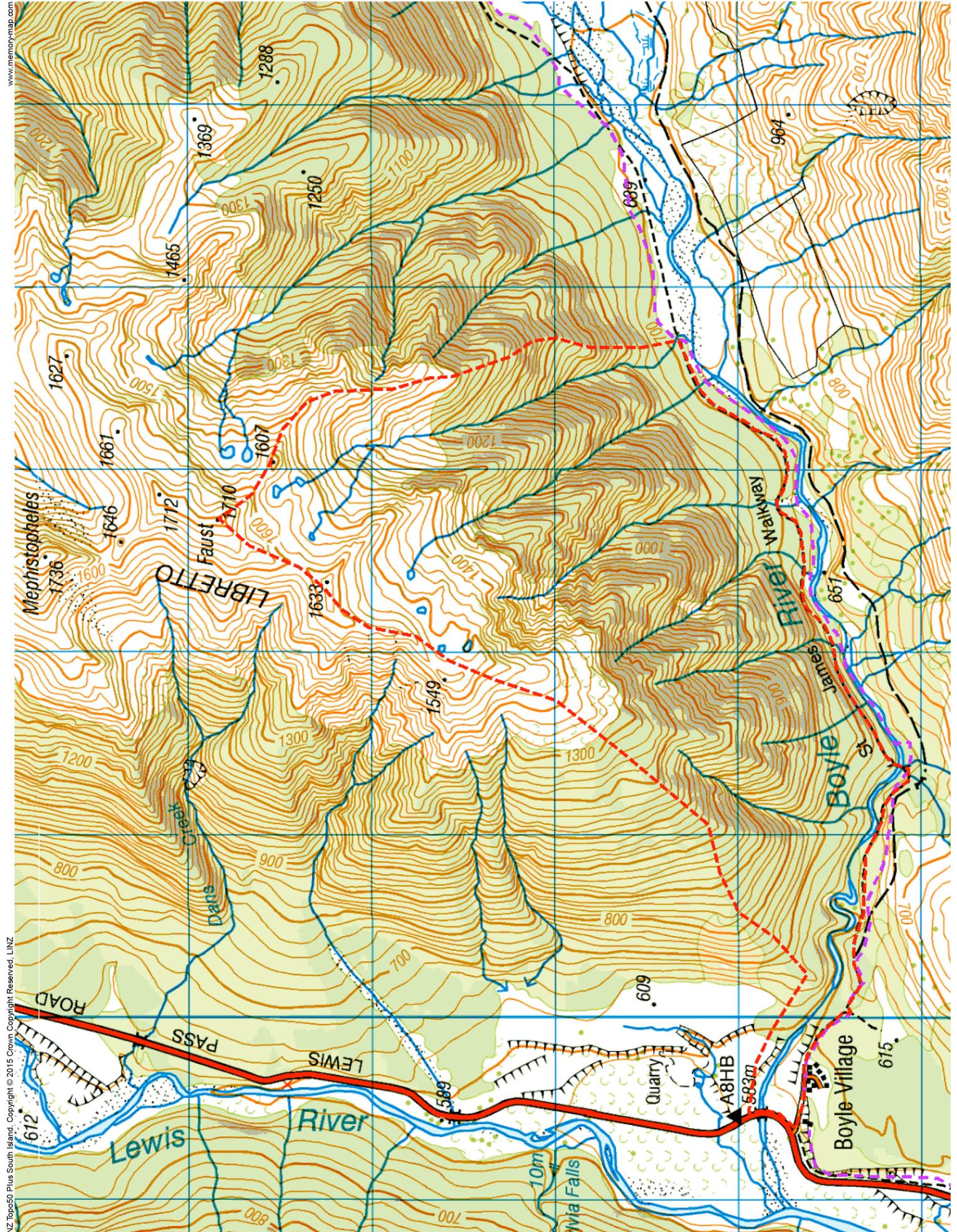
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Elevation Profile



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